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THE ANNUNCIATION No. 1—SAN MIGUEL CHURCH,  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO



The old San Jose bell bearing the Spanish inscription, "San Jose roga por nostros, Agosto 9 de 1356"—Saint Joseph pray for us, August 9 of 1356—was cast and hammered in Spain in 1356, brought to Santa Fe in 1712 and placed in the San Miguel Church in 1848. It is nearly four inches thick, and weighs 780 pounds. The San Jose bell like all the Spanish bells bearing the cross was not cast smooth. It is made of copper and silver, iron and gold. The sweet old world tones made by a clapper suspended through an opening in the crown suggest the quiet and peace of the Andalusian hills after the triumph of the Christians over the Moors.

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